



## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

## **COVID-19 ADVISORY**

March 20, 2020 | RE: MEALFINDER MAP

## **Texas Education Agency**

Texas parents can now visit the <u>TXSchools.gov</u> MealFinder Map to find nearby locations where local school systems are offering free school meals—both breakfast and lunch—for pick-up while school buildings are closed due to COVID-19.

To view the map of locations, visit TXSchools.gov and click "Meal Pick-Up Locations". Parents can input their address and the map will zoom into meal pick-up locations that operating nearby.

In the days since the first school closures were announced, more than 1,000 schools have launched meal pick-up locations. That number is expected to rise daily, so parents are encouraged to keep checking <a href="https://example.com/TXSchools.gov">TXSchools.gov</a> as more meal locations are launched.

## **Texas Department of Agriculture**

In terms of terms of eligibility, TDA has provided extensive guidance to help school systems, based on federal rules.

In locations where more than 50 percent of students are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch, free meals can be made available for every child who visits the meal site. In places below that threshold, closed enrolled sites can be established to target individually eligible students.

For additional updates on school meals from TDA, visit <u>squaremeals.org/coronavirus</u>.